PURCHASERS' QUESTIONNAIRE NON-MALLEABLE CAST IRON PIPE FITTINGS FROM CHINA

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UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Office of Investigations, Room 615 500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436

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The information called for in this questionnaire is for use by the United States International Trade Commission in connection with its antidumping investigation concerning non-malleable cast iron pipe fittings from China (inv. No. 731-TA-990 (Final)). The information requested in the questionnaire is requested under the authority of the Tariff Act of 1930, title VII. This report is mandatory and failure to reply as directed can result in a subpoena or other order to compel the submission of records or information in your possession (19 U.S.C. § 1333(a)). Further information on this questionnaire can be obtained from Amelia Preece (202-205-3250).

Name of	firm		
Address			
City		State	Zip code
World W	Vide Web address		
	firm purchased non-malleable or ductile der 6 inches, or flanged ductile pipe fitt		
□NO	(Sign the certification below and pro	mptly return only this page of the qu	uestionnaire to the Commission)
YES	(Read the instruction booklet carefull return the entire questionnaire to the		nnaire, sign the certification, and
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PART I.-GENERAL QUESTIONS

The questions in this questionnaire have been reviewed with market participants to ensure that issues of concern are adequately addressed and that data requests are sufficient, meaningful, and as limited as possible. Public reporting burden for this questionnaire is estimated to average 20 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering the data needed, and completing and reviewing the questionnaire. Send comments regarding the accuracy of this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20436.

hours	dollars	
	d address of establishment(s) covered or reporting guidelines). If your firm i trading symbol.	
	in whole or in part, by any other firm?	
	YesList the following information.	Extent of
Firm name	<u>Address</u>	<u>ownership</u>
importing non-malle	any related firms, either domestic or fable/ductile cast iron pipe fittings from ting non-malleable/ductile cast iron pi	n China into the United States or wh
importing non-malle are engaged in exportates?	able/ductile cast iron pipe fittings from	n China into the United States or wh

PART I.-GENERAL QUESTIONS--Continued

I-5.	•	non-malleable/du	I firms, either domestic or ctile cast iron pipe fittings are following information.	•	are engaged in the	
	Firm name		Address		<u>Affiliation</u>	
PART	· II <u>PURCHA</u>	<u>SES</u>				

II-1. Report, as indicated below, your firm's purchases (either directly or through a sales agent or broker) of subject non-malleable/ductile cast iron pipe fittings. Report based on delivery date, not order date.

Item	1999	2000	2001	JanSept. 2002
PURCHASES FROM U.S. PRODUCERS:	,	•	•	•
Quantity (non-malleable)				
Value (non-malleable)				
Quantity (ductile)				
Value (ductile)				
PURCHASES FROM CHINA:	·	•	1	•
Quantity (non-malleable)				
Value (non-malleable)				
Quantity (ductile)				
Value (ductile)				
PURCHASES FROM ALL OTHER COUNTRIES	:1	•	1	•
Quantity (non-malleable)				
Value (non-malleable)				
Quantity (ductile)				
Value (ductile)				

PART II.--<u>PURCHASES</u>--Continued

II-2.	If the relative shares of your firm's total purchases of non-malleable/ductile cast iron pipe fittings
	from different sources (both domestic and foreign) have changed in the last three years, please list
	the country, state whether the relative share from that country has increased or decreased, and
	state the reason.

	Country	Increase/decrease	Reason
		rchased non-malleable/dueasons for doing so.	actile cast iron pipe fittings from only one country,
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Γ	III <u>MARKET CH</u>	IARACTERISTICS AN	ND PURCHASING PRACTICES
qu y	estions in this section	on refer to both non-ma	ND PURCHASING PRACTICES alleable and ductile pipe fittings. If your response itting (i.e., non-malleable or ductile), please note
qu y n	nestions in this section differs departments of the follow	on refer to both non-mapending on the type of f	alleable and ductile pipe fittings. If your response
qu iy in	westions in this section differs dependent of the follow pipe fittings (check	on refer to both non-mapending on the type of f ving best describes your all that apply, noting the	alleable and ductile pipe fittings. If your response fitting (i.e., non-malleable or ductile), please note firm as a purchaser of non-malleable/ductile cast iron e specific end uses if known)?
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III-3. List, in order of quantity of non-malleable/ductile cast iron pipe fittings consumed, the top 5 enduse products for which your firm purchases non-malleable/ductile cast iron pipe fittings as a component part or material input. Please indicate what percentage of the total cost is accounted for by non-malleable/ductile cast iron pipe fittings.

End use product	non-malleable/ductile cast iron pipe fittings
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5
your firm's final products incorsince January 1, 1999? No YesPleas that h change	n-malleable/ductile cast iron pipe fittings, has the demand for porating non-malleable/ductile cast iron pipe fittings changed indicate the direction of change and identify the major factors are contributed to this change. Describe the ways in which this e has affected your firm's purchases of non-malleable/ductile castipe fittings.
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Are there other products that co	uld be substituted for non-malleable/ductile cast iron pipe fittings
Are there other products that co in its end uses?	uld be substituted for non-malleable/ductile cast iron pipe fittings
in its end uses? No YesPleas non-r	uld be substituted for non-malleable/ductile cast iron pipe fittings e identify such substitutes. If multiple end uses exist for halleable/ductile cast iron pipe fittings, please discuss potential tutes for each of the end uses.
in its end uses? No YesPleas non-r	e identify such substitutes. If multiple end uses exist for nalleable/ductile cast iron pipe fittings, please discuss potential

III-7.		ales to your customers v le/ductile cast iron pipe		r importers from which you
III-8.	Are you aware whethe U.Sproduced or impo		ctile cast iron pipe fitting	gs you are purchasing are
	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never
III-9.	Do you know the man purchase?	ufacturer of the non-ma	alleable/ductile cast iron	pipe fittings that you
	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never
III-10.	To your knowledge, as goods you supply then		and/or interested in the	country of origin of the
	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never
III-11.	How frequently do yo	u make purchases (circl	e one)?	
	daily weekly	monthly other	r ()
III-12.	Has this purchasing pa	nttern changed significa	ntly in the last 3 years, a	and, if so, how?
III-13.	How many suppliers d	lo you generally contact	t before making a purch	ase?

II.14.	a) Does your firm purchase non-malleable/ductile cast iron pipe fittings under "Buy American" provisions? Yes No If yes, please estimate the percentage of your firm's total purchases of non-malleable/ductile cast iron pipe fittings that were accounted for by purchases of non-malleable/ductile cast iron pipe fittings subsequent to "Buy American" provisions.
	b) Has this percentage changed since January 1, 1999? Yes No If yes, please discuss the change and the reason(s) for it.
III-15.	How frequently do you change suppliers?
III-16.	If you have changed suppliers within the last 3 years, please list the supplier, indicate whether the firm was added or dropped as a supplier, and give the reasons for the change.
III-17.	Are you aware of any new suppliers, either foreign or domestic, that have entered the market in the last 3 years?
	No YesPlease identify the firms and indicate how you become aware of them.
III-18.	a) Is there product available in the U.S. market that does not meet specifications? No Yes If yes, where does off specification material come from (which producers or countries)? If a firm receives product that does not meet specifications, what does this firm do with the product?

111-18.	consider when determining the quality of a supplier's non-malleable/ductile cast iron pipe fittings?
III-19.	For product that meets specifications, please list, in order of their importance, the three major factors generally considered by your firm in deciding from whom to purchase non-malleable/ductile cast iron pipe fittings for any one order, (examples include current availability, extension of credit, prearranged contracts, price, quality of product, range of supplier's product line, traditional supplier, etc.).
	1.
	2
	Other factors or comments:
III-20.	How often does your firm purchase the non-malleable/ductile cast iron pipe fittings that is offered at the lowest price?
	Always Usually Sometimes Never
III-21.	Generally, when you make a purchase does your supplier set the terms, or are terms negotiable? Supplier sets Negotiable
III-22.	Please list the names of any firms you considered price leaders in the non-malleable/ductile cast iron pipe fittings market during January 1999-September 2002. A price leader is defined as (1) one or more firms that initiate a price change, either upward or downward, that is followed by other firms, or (2) one or more firms that have a significant impact on prices. A price leader does not necessarily have to be the lowest priced supplier. For those firms identified as a price leader, please specify the time period in which a price change was communicated, whether the price change was upward or downward, and whether it covered a specific geographic region or a specific product type.

III-23.	Please describe how the above firm(s) exhibited price leadership.
III 24	Since 1000 have frequently has the price of the non-malleable/dustile cost iron pine fittings you
111-24.	Since 1999, how frequently has the price of the non-malleable/ductile cast iron pipe fittings you are purchasing changed?
III-25.	Do you know U.Sinland transportation costs? Yes No If yes, of the non-malleable/ductile cast iron pipe fittings that your firm purchases (for which you know the U.Sinland transportation costs), approximately what percent of total cost is accounted for by U.Sinland transportation costs (please answer separately for each of your sources)?
	Source percent
	Source percent
	Source percent
III-26.	Do you require your suppliers to become certified or prequalified with respect to the quality, chemistry, strength, or other performance characteristic of the non-malleable/ductile cast iron pipe fittings they sell to your firm?
	No YesApproximately what percent of your firm's total 2001 purchases of non-malleable/ductile cast iron pipe fittings required some form of certification or pre-qualification? percent. Please provide a general description of the non-malleable/ductile cast iron pipe fittings purchased by your firm that requires supplier certification.
III-27.	Briefly describe the factors that are considered when qualifying a new supplier (e.g., quality of product, reliability of supplier, etc.) and estimate the time it takes to qualify a new supplier.

III-28.	Since January 1, 1999, have any domestic or foreign producers ever failed in their attempts to qualify their non-malleable/ductile cast iron pipe fittings with your firm or have any producers lost their approved status?
	No YesPlease identify these firms, the countries where they are located, and the reasons why they failed the qualification process.
III-29.	Does your firm purchase non-malleable/ductile cast iron pipe fittings over the internet?
	Yes—Please describe, noting the estimated percentage of your firm's total purchases of non-malleable/ductile cast iron pipe fittings in 2001 accounted for by internet purchases.
PART	IVCOMPARISONS BETWEEN IMPORTED AND U.SPRODUCED PRODUCT
to any	nestions in this section refer to both non-malleable and ductile pipe fittings. If your response question differs depending on the type of fitting (i.e., non-malleable or ductile), please note your response.
IV-1.	Please indicate the countries of origin for non-malleable/ductile cast iron pipe fittings for which your firm has actual marketing/pricing knowledge.
	United States
	China
	Other countries (Please specify)
IV-2.	Do the specifications of non-malleable/ductile cast iron pipe fittings vary depending on the end use application?
	No YesPlease list the specifications of the material for each end-use application. If the specifications vary based on the supplier, please list the product specifications for each supplier, noting the country of origin in your response.

	VS		NoPlease explain below.
	VS	Yes	NoPlease explain below.
	VS	Yes	NoPlease explain below.
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IV-6.	sources have generally been h	igher, lower, or country combin	about the sam	e iron pipe fittings from different the as those of product from other the familiar with (as indicated in your the ded States and both subject and
	Higher	Same	Lower	priced than from
	Higher			priced than from
				priced than from
IV-7.	reasons for doing so (please sp	able from anoth- pecify by countr Possibilities m	er source at a y, including thight include tr	lower price, please explain your ne United States and both subject and ansaction characteristics such as
IV-8.	(over the price you paid) before	ner would the pr re you would ha	ice for the important	pipe fittings during 2001, ported product have to have been U.Sproduced non-malleable/ductile cluding imports from both subject and
	Country		percent hi	gher
	Country		percent hi	gher
	Country		percent hi	gher
	Comments:			
IV-9.		ecreased, or rem	ained the sam	n-malleable/ductile cast iron pipe e relative to prices of imported a both subject and nonsubject
	Increased (specify countries	es)
	Decreased (specify countr	ies)
	Remained the same (speci	fy countries)

IV-10. For the factors listed below, please rate how non-malleable/ductile cast iron pipe fittings produced in each country you identified in your response to the first question in Part IV compares with non-malleable/ductile cast iron pipe fittings produced in each of the other countries you identified (including the United States and both subject and nonsubject foreign countries). Copy this page as necessary to cover all possible country combinations and please attach any comments you care to make concerning your responses, especially in comparisons where you rate product from one country superior or inferior to product from another.

	_ compared to _		
(specify country)	SUPERIOR	(specify country) COMPARABLE	INFERIOR
Availability			
Delivery terms			
Delivery time			
Discounts offered			
Lowest price ¹			
Minimum qty requirements			
Packaging			
Product consistency			
Product meets specifications			
Product quality above specification	s \square		
Product range			
Reliability of supply			
Technical support/service			
Transportation network			
Lowest U.S. transportation costs ²			
Other (specify):	П		

¹ Superior in this instance would mean that product from the first country listed is offered at a lower priced than the country listed second.

² Superior in this instance would mean that product from the first country listed has a lower U.S. transportation cost than the country listed second.

IV-11. For the factors listed below, please rate each in terms of its importance in your purchase decision for non-malleable/ductile cast iron pipe fittings.

	VERY IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT
Availability			
Delivery terms			
Delivery time			
Discounts offered			
Lowest price			
Minimum qty requirements			
Packaging			
Product consistency			
Product meets specifications			
Product quality above specification	ns \square		
Product range			
Reliability of supply			
Technical support/service			
Transportation network			
Lowest U.S. transportation costs			
Other (specify):			

PART V.--SUPPLIER IDENTIFICATION

Please provide the names and addresses of your firm's 10 largest suppliers of non-malleable/ductile cast iron pipe fittings purchased during January 1999-September 2002. Please also provide the name and telephone number of a contact person and the share of the quantity of your firm's total purchases of non-malleable/ductile cast iron pipe fittings that each of these suppliers accounted for in 2001.

No.	Supplier's name	Street address (<u>not</u> P.O. box), state, and zip code	Contact person	Area code and telephone number	Share of 2001 pur- chases (%)
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					
10					

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PART VI.--DOMESTIC LIKE PRODUCT QUESTIONS

The following questions relate to the degree of similarity or the differences between various types of fittings <u>used in common applications.</u>

No-If no, skip to VI-2.	•	(1) Are subject ductile fittings and subject non-malleable fittings used in the same applicatio
Subject ductile percent, Subject non-malleable percent. (3) What are the differences and similarities in characteristics of subject ductile fittings and subject non-malleable fittings. Supply promotional/advertising materials regarding these differences/similarities. (4) Are the prices different between these subject ductile fittings and subject non-malleable fittings? \[\begin{align*} \text{No} & \begin{align*} \text{Yes-If yes, report which product is less expensive and how much less expensive it is.} \] (1) Are flanged ductile fittings and flanged non-malleable fittings used in the same application.		No–If no, skip to VI-2.
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No–If no, ship to VI-3 LJ Yes–If yes, report their common use(s).	ſ	
	L	☐ Yes—If yes, report their common use(s).

PART VI.--DOMESTIC LIKE PRODUCT QUESTIONS-Continued

F1 1.1	g applications?
Flanged du	ctile percent, Flanged non-malleable percent.
flanged nor	e the differences and similarities in characteristics of flanged ductile fittings and maleable fittings. Supply promotional/advertising materials regarding these similarities.
	prices different between these flanged ductile fittings and flanged non-malleab
fittings?	Yes-If yes, report which product is less expensive and how much less expensive it is.
the same ap	ngs 6 inches and under, inside diameter (I.D.), and fittings over 6 inches I.D. u plications? o, skip to VI-4. Yes–If yes, report their common use(s).
	ercent of fittings 6 inches and under I.D. and fittings over 6 inches I.D. are used appling applications?
Fittings 6 in	nches and under I.D percent, Fittings over 6 inches I.D pe
\ /	e the differences and similarities in characteristics of fittings 6 inches and under over 6 inches I.D. Supply promotional/advertising materials regarding these
and fittings differences	similarities.
	similarities.

PART VI.--DOMESTIC LIKE PRODUCT QUESTIONS—Continued

(4) Are the prices different between these fittings 6 inches and under I.D. and fittings over 6 inches I.D.?
No Yes–If yes, report which product is less expensive and how much less expensive it is.
(1) Are grooved ductile/non-malleable fittings and subject ductile/non-malleable fittings used the same applications?
No–If no, skip the remaining questions.
(2) What percent of grooved ductile/non-malleable fittings and subject ductile/non-malleable fittings are used in these overlapping applications?
Grooved ductile/non-malleable fittings percent,
Subject ductile/non-malleable fittings percent.
(3) What are the differences and similarities in characteristics of grooved ductile/non-malleab fittings, and subject ductile/non-malleable fittings. Supply promotional/advertising materials regarding these differences/similarities.
(4) Are the prices different between these grooved ductile/non-malleable fittings and subject ductile/non-malleable fittings?